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Ethan Strimling, Treasurer
Democrats 2000
1311 L Street NW, Suite 300
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Identification Number: C00230342

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Strimling:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your calculations for Line 11(a)(iii), Column A appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be \$101,233.93. Please provide the corrected total(s) on the Detailed Summary Page.

-The total listed on Line 11(a)(ii), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appears to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$0 in Other Federal Receipts. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule A, however, indicates the total to be \$3475.87. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-On Schedule H2 of your Amended Mid-Year Report dated 12/11/97, you disclosed the activity/event A049 as being a Fundraising event. On Schedule H2 of this report, you have identified the activity/event to be an exempt event. Please amend your report to clarify the nature of this change. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

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-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in Exempt activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct unique identifying code or title.

Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period.

-On Schedule H3 supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page, Lines i), and ii)e) for the 7/29/97 transfer-in from the Democrats 2000 Non-Federal Account #2 do not add up to the total amount transferred. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule H4, supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

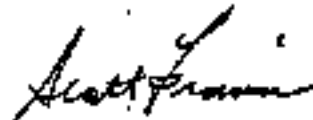
Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

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A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Francis".

Scott Francis
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

